

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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 **METZNER and SCHNEIDER** ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
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 Serial No.: To be assigned ) Examiner: Unassigned  
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 Filed: Concurrently herewith )  
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 For: THROMBIN PREPARATIONS AND )  
 PROCESS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please make the following  
amendments:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph at page 8, lines 6-14, with the following:

Initially the thrombin solution was mixed with 0.6 mol/l sodium sulfate and  
adsorbed onto a hydrophobic interaction chromatography (HIC) gel (in this case:  
Phenyl-Sepharose HP, manufacturer: Amersham Pharmacia, Freiburg, Germany)  
which had previously been equilibrated with buffer A (10 mmol/l Na phosphate pH 6.5)  
sodium sulfate, the bound thrombin was eluted by a gradient with decreasing sodium